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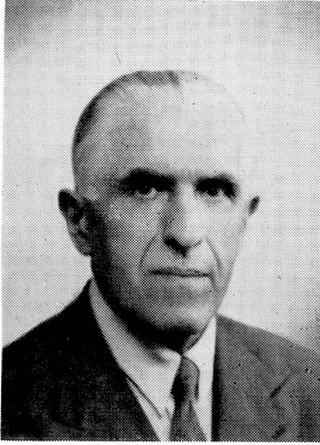
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JULES ZIMMERMANN.
70 Years Old.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. Jules Zimmermann, of 3 Walsingham Road, Enfield, who celebrates his 70th birthday on 23rd July.

The "Jubilar" has for nearly half a century rendered innumerable services to the Swiss Colony, in a quiet and unostentatious manner, fighting shy of any publicity, and not seeking to be in the limelight.

Jules Zimmermann was born in Vevey on 23rd July 1890, and originates from Schwändi (Ct. Glarus). He received his education in Vevey and Lausanne. In 1907 he entered a three-year apprenticeship, with the "Bank in Winterthur" (now the "Schweizerische Bankgesellschaft"), and at its conclusion he obtained the diploma of the "Schweiz. Kaufmännischer Verein", and completed his "Rekrutenschule". He held successively appointments in Milan (Banca Commerciale Italiana, 1910 to 1913) and London (Banca Commerciale Italiana, 1913 to 1940). In 1929 Mr. Zimmermann became a signature-holder, with additional power, a few years later, to sign as Manager of their West End and Soho agencies. With the outbreak of the Second World-War the Bank went into liquidation after having been taken over by the Custodian of Enemy Property, and a promising and distinguished banking career came to a halt.

In 1941 he joined the London Delegation of the International Red Cross of Geneva, serving as Assistant Delegate until 1945, and from then until 1948, when the London Office closed, as sole Delegate. Once more, Mr. Zimmermann, owing to circumstances over which he had no control, had to look out for other employment. He took up a position in 1949 as Assistant Manager with the Employment Department of the Swiss Mercantile Society, becoming its Manager in 1951, on the death of Mr. J. Pfaendler. This post he held until 1955, when the Employment Department, by order of the SKV authorities in Zurich, was discontinued. He also acted as Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society, on part-time duty, from 1952 until 1956, when, on the retirement of Mr. Th. Ritter, he was appointed full-time Secretary, a post which he still occupies with great efficiency.

Apart from his business activities he took up his work in the Colony right from the beginning of his period in London, holding a number of voluntary appointments such as Honorary Assistant Secretary of the City Swiss Club, 1914 to 1920, member and then

Honorary Secretary of the "Comité d'Etude pour la création d'une Chambre de Commerce Suisse à Londres", 1915 to 1918, sponsored jointly by the City Swiss Club and the Swiss Mercantile Society, Honorary Secretary of the "Swiss Commission in London for the Study of Economic Questions", 1918 to 1943 (when the Swiss authorities decided against a Swiss Chamber of Commerce, but created instead the new post of Commercial Attaché, the Swiss Commission was formed as an independent body), Honorary Assistant Treasurer of the City Swiss Club, 1928 to 1929, Honorary Secretary of the City Swiss Club, 1929 to 1933, Honorary Treasurer of the "Comité de la Fête Suisse", 1939 to 1952; 1940 up to the present time Honorary Treasurer of the "Home for Aged Swiss", a member of the "Council for the Study of Swiss Problems", 1943 to 1950, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the 1st of August Committee, 1945 to 1947, Honorary Assistant Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society, 1949 to 1952, 1950 up to the present time, Honorary Secretary of the "Swiss Economic Council".

This is surely a splendid record of devoted work rendered in a voluntary capacity in the interests of the Colony, and on his 70th birthday we gratefully acknowledge Mr. Zimmermann's services, hoping that he will be amongst us for many more years to come.

ST.

KURT ZOBRIST †

It is with deep regret that we report the passing away, in Switzerland, of Mr. Kurt Zobrist, at the age of 63.

The deceased was previous to the last war connected with Scintilla Ltd. in London. Soon after the outbreak of hostilities he joined the "Special Division" of the then Swiss Legation, and was principally concerned in visiting prisoner-of-war camps in Great Britain. Some time after the cessation of hostilities he returned to Switzerland, taking up a responsible position with Scintilla, A.G., in Solothurn.

The writer, who during the war came in close contact with Kurt Zobrist, as a colleague at the "Special Division", often admired him for the humane way he executed his not always enviable task, for his cheerfulness and kindness. He was a lovable man, straight as a die, and all those who came in touch with him will keep him in affectionate remembrance.

During his stay in this country he was frequently seen in the Colony, being a member of the City Swiss Club and the Swiss Mercantile Society.

His all too early demise will leave a big gap amongst his circle of friends.

ST.

PERSONAL.

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, on 25th June, of Mr. E. A. Doelly, of 45 Gledhow Wood Road, Leeds 8, at the age of 75.

The deceased was at one time in the service of Messrs. Escher-Wyss, and at the time of his retirement that of Messrs. Sulzer Bros. (London) Ltd.